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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Senate Executive Committee
Minutes
February 29, 2016

Present: Chair Gay Miller, Michael Bohlmann, Nicholas Burbules, Bettina Francis, John Hart, Calvin Lear, Sam LeRoy, William Maher, Anita Mixon, Kathryn Oberdeck, David O'Brien, Michael Sandretto, Matthew Wheeler

Absent: Abbas Aminmansour, Vice Chair Kim Graber, Prasanta Kalita

Guests: Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Edward Feser, Chair of the Conference on Conduct Governance Sara Benson, Associate Provost for Administrative Affairs Katherine Galvin, Local AAUP President Harry Hilton, Student senator Ronald Lewis, Head of the Scholarly Communication and Publishing Unit Aaron McCollough

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A regular meeting of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) was called to order at 3:11 pm on Monday, February 29, 2016 in 232 English Building, with Chair Miller presiding.

1. Introductions

Introductions were made by non-members.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from January 25, 2016 were approved as distributed.

The minutes from February 1, 2016 were approved as distributed.

3. Chair's Remarks

SEC Chair Miller reported continued concern about the lack of a state budget and the recent governor's address that did not include higher education. President Killeen had anticipated a resolution to the budget impasse by this time, but the impasse continues. Eastern Illinois University (EIU) has given notice of furloughs and layoffs. The Senate Committee on the Budget is considering bringing a resolution on the budget impasse forward to the full Senate. Provost Feser has budget information sessions planned in March.

4. Informational Campaign for Open Access Policy

Aaron McCollough, Head of the Scholarly Communication and Publishing Unit, gave a brief overview of the Open Access (OA) Policy that was supported by the Senate in October 2015. McCollough also discussed the lack of an official procedure for deposits. IDEALS (Illinois Digital Environment for Access to Learning and Scholarship) could be a place to deposit this type of material. There are also a large number of open access journals and a notification process needs to be established.

Faculty members who do not request a waiver of the licensing requirement are responsible for providing an electronic copy of the final article. There are three publishers that will not publish if there is a waiver in place. The online waiver form was created using Public Affairs WebTools and is a short and simple form to complete.

McCollough created an online guide with information on the policy and other information related to OA.
<http://guides.library.illinois.edu/oapolicy>

McCollough wants to make compliance easier for faculty. The Library has been developing a faculty profile system to assist with submissions. The Library can identify when there are articles in open access publications. Harvesting of these articles can be done, but should harvesting be done? There are still a number of unanswered questions or undefined OA processes.

Faculty should be aware of their rights and what can be retained as rights. Publishers have not been requesting individuals for their open access policies. Knowing you have a policy and speaking to the

publishers about the policy is a good practice. Burbules added that the policy supported by the Senate was reviewed by the Senate Committee on General University Policy (GUP) and the Senate Committee on the Library and felt the open access policy is a benefit to the faculty.

5. Chancellor's Remarks

Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Edward Feser gave remarks in the absence of Chancellor Wilson. Feser noted that there are several dean searches underway; College of Medicine, College of Applied Health Sciences, and College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. A search will soon be opened to replace Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Dan Peterson. The hire of Athletic Director Josh Whitman was recently announced. The Vice Provost for Planning and Budgeting position had not been filled when Mike Andrechak left some time ago and a search is finally underway.

Chancellor Wilson and Provost Feser met with legislature to discuss the budget impasse and communicated the impact as forcibly as possible. One legislator was not aware of the start-up costs associated with new faculty hires. Awareness of the negative impact of the budget impasse is essential.

Budget planning is in progress for units and colleges. Units and colleges are planning for 2016-17, but also planning for the likelihood of a reduction and a sustained reduction of state funds. Feser is planning several budget information sessions around the campus. The same information will be disseminated at each session.

The budget office staffing has been very lean. There are currently two people just managing transactions. The University has a large and complex budget and it takes more than two people to manage a budget office. Hires will be made to bring the budget office staffing up to a level that can provide an appropriate amount of support to the campus.

Hart, Chair of the Senate Committee on IT (Information Technology), indicated that the IT Committee felt the recent Campus IT Strategic plan had not been given proper consideration to meet campus IT needs.

6. Items Referred to Committee

A. Assessment of the *ad hoc* Licensing Advisory Committee

Burbules, Chair of the GUP committee, reported that the committee made a recommendation for a joint advisory committee between the Senate and the Office of the Chancellor. Burbules noted the draft document was submitted for inclusion on the March 7 Senate agenda. After discussion, the SEC came to the consensus that the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP) would need to consider changes to the *Bylaws* to include the new joint committee.

Burbules made a motion to refer the draft GUP document to USSP for specific language changes to the *Bylaws* with the anticipation that the USSP would have a proposal ready for the April Senate meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by voice.

B. Guidelines for Senate Meetings

USSP Chair Maher reported this item is on the Committee's agenda, but the Committee has not had sufficient time to discuss the item.

C. Non-discrimination Statement

USSP Chair Maher reported that this proposal is on the March 7 Senate agenda. The proposal will be presented as a follow-up to the information presented at the February meeting.

D. Report on the Spring 2015 Diversity Climate Survey

Oberdeck, Chair of the Senate Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion (EQ), referenced and highlighted some points in the report* that was distributed to the committee via email prior to the meeting. A short discussion followed. The report will be included on the March 7 Senate agenda.

7. New Business

A. University Strategic Planning

As a member of the University Strategic Plan Steering Committee, Chair Miller reported that a draft of the proposed strategic plan is available on the University (not campus) website up on the website. Miller encouraged attendance at the scheduled TownHall meetings President Killeen has planned.

In response to a question about the make-up of the committee, Miller noted that there were several faculty members of the committee. Committee membership is listed on the University Strategic Plan website. Miller gave her feedback to the committee as a professor and a member of the campus. Additional discussion followed.

Miller suggested cohesive feedback from the Senate be communicated to the Steering Committee. With the issue of timing, the full Senate would need to provide feedback very soon. Maher made a motion to put the University Strategic Plan discussion on the March 7 Senate agenda to afford the full Senate an opportunity to provide cohesive feedback to the Steering Committee. The motion was seconded. And discussion followed. Benmamoun noted that for those unable to attend the meeting there is an online form to submit feedback.

The motion to include the Draft University Strategic Plan discussion on the March 7 Senate agenda was approved by voice.

B. University Access of Employee Electronic Communication

IT Committee Chair Hart introduced and highlighted some points in the IT Committee document on University Access of Employee Electronic Communication*. Hart noted that the document will assist with informing faculty of their rights in regards to the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) law.

Hart made a motion to refer the University Access of Employee Electronic Communication document to the GUP committee with the expectation to have a revised document submitted to the full Senate for action. The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

Kaler noted that the CIO (Chief Information Officer) is not involved in responses to FOIA requests. Public Affairs does not release information without informing the owner of the communication. FOIA requests are submitted to the FOIA Office and the FOIA Office determines which information is released.

Feser noted that the CAM (Campus Administrative Manual) does not apply to a general FOIA request, but if the person does not cooperate, then it could be an ethics violation and then the CAM would apply.

The motion to refer the IT committee report to the GUP committee was approved by voice.

C. Setting of the March 7, 2016 Senate Agenda

Burbules made a motion to form a subcommittee that would be present at the Senate meeting to make a written record of comments and transmit the comments to the strategic plan steering committee. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Miller, Burbules, and LeRoy will form the subcommittee.

By voice, the motion to create a subcommittee to record comments from the Senate on the University Strategic Plan was approved.

D. Alleged Outsourcing of Campus IT Services

No discussion.

8. Announcements/Verbal Reports for Information

A. Vice Chancellor Intensive Review Subcommittee

Chair Miller noted that Vice Chancellor for Research Peter Schiffer is in rotation for the in-depth Vice Chancellor review. The in-depth review subcommittee will consist of SEC faculty members Kalita, Francis, Sandretto, and student member LeRoy.

B. Urbana BOT Observer – March 16, 2016 in Urbana

O'Brien will attend the March 16 BOT meeting as the Urbana Senate Observer.

C. Report of the COIA February 26-28 Meeting

Wheeler, the Illinois Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR), reported on the COIA (Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics) Annual Meeting. The COIA's purpose is to provide a national faculty voice on intercollegiate sports issues. Areas of concern include academic integrity and quality, student-athlete welfare, campus governance of intercollegiate athletics, and fiscal responsibility. Mental health and concussions were discussed at the conference. Wheeler agreed to be a member of the Student Active Welfare Committee on these issues.

The COIA is struggling with its identity and plans to draft new governing documents. Each one of the 60 Senates would need to approve the updated governing documents before the changes would go into effect.

Wheeler, as chair of the Athletic Director (AD) search committee, noted that the AD search committee was dissolved with the hiring of Josh Whitman.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Jenny Roether
Clerk of the Senate

*Filed with the Senate Clerk and incorporated by reference in these minutes.